



The Catholic Light

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Weekly E-Newsletter

May 25, 2023

Memorial Day Masses to be celebrated at Diocesan Cemeteries

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Scranton offer complete and compassionate service and are prepared to provide for all your burial needs. It is our privilege to assist you in planning the final resting place for your loved ones.

Memorial Day Masses will be celebrated at each Diocesan Cemetery on Monday, May 29, 2023. All are welcome to participate in these liturgies to pray for and remember the faithfully departed, especially our veterans.



MEMORIAL DAY MASSES, MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023

CATHEDRAL CEMETERY • 10AM 1708 Oram St., Scranton 570-347-9251 Crypt Chapel at rear of cemetery	MOUNT OLIVET CEMETERY NO MASS THIS YEAR 612 Mt. Olivet Rd., Carverton 570-696-3636	HOLY CROSS CEMETERY • 9AM at St. Mary's Church, Prince of Peace Parish, Old Forge 570-347-9251
ST. CATHERINE'S CEMETERY • 9AM Main St., Route 435, Moscow 570-842-8411 • Outside Altar (if inclement weather at St. Eulalia's Church)	ST. MARY'S CEMETERY • 10AM 1594 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre 570-822-6941	CALVARY CEMETERY • 10AM Route 309, Drums 570-788-2150 at Good Shepherd Church



All faithful are encouraged to participate in Memorial Day Masses that are scheduled in our Diocesan cemeteries on Monday, May 29, 2023.

Memorial Day is a day to honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

Here is a Prayer for Memorial Day:

*God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.*

*Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.*

*Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen*

**William A. Asinari to be ordained as
Transitional Deacon on Saturday**

DIACONATE ORDINATION

OF WILLIAM A. ASINARI



Saturday, May 27
10 a.m.

Cathedral of Saint Peter

315 WYOMING AVENUE, SCRANTON

JOIN US IN PERSON OR VIA CATHOLIC TELEVISION LIVE BROADCAST

William A. Asinari, a native of Honesdale, will be ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Scranton by the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, on Saturday, May 27, 2023, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. The ordination Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m.

The public is invited to attend the Ordination Mass, which is a very important event in the life of the Diocese. The Mass will be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website and across Diocesan social media platforms.

Asinari will be ordained for service as a transitional deacon, the ordination serving as the last major step before ordination to the priesthood, which typically occurs a year later after additional pastoral, liturgical and educational preparation.

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Pray at Pentecost for courage to evangelize, Pope Francis says



Christians should pray on Pentecost that the Holy Spirit would give them the courage and strength to share the Gospel, Pope Francis said.

“No matter how difficult the situation may be – and indeed, at times it may seem there is no room for the Gospel message – we must not give up and we must not forsake pursuing what is essential in our Christian life, namely evangelization,” the pope said May 24, the Wednesday before Pentecost.

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Catholic Youth Center in Wilkes-Barre to host #NEPAGives rally on Thursday, June 1

HOW TO BE A #COOLCATHOLIC!

NEPA GIVES
24 HOURS ONLY!

We all know giving is cool. When we give, we become part of something larger than ourselves. And we answer God's call to love one another as we make the world a better place.

HELP US MOVE UP THE REGIONAL LEADERBOARDS AND COMPETE FOR MATCH AND BONUS DOLLARS!
From 7 p.m. June 1 until 7 p.m. June 2, scan the QR code above to support any diocesan cause and you'll be entered to win YETI cups, a YETI Tundra 45 cooler, gift cards and other prizes!

BONUS: Join us at our NEPA Gives kickoff rally, from 6-9 p.m. Thursday June 1 at the Catholic Youth Center, 36 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, and enjoy the musical stylings of Fr. Jim Paisley (a.k.a. Sinatra straight outta NEPA). You can even sing karaoke with him or challenge him in cornhole. Now what's cooler than that?

NO RSVPs NECESSARY! FREE FOOD, FREE DRINK, FREE FUN!

FREE PARKING IN CYC LOT ON N. PENN AVE. SIDE OF BUILDING OR IN HOLY REDEEMER HIGH LOTS.

In celebration of its 75th anniversary, the Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center is participating in #NEPAGives 2023.

There will be a #NEPAGives Kickoff Rally at the CYC, 36 S. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, June 1. Father Jim Paisley will be performing and there will be food and fun at the event.

As part of our NEPA Gives campaign, we are creating a Hall of Fame Basketball Wall to permanently recognize our donors and friends in the CYC gym.

Anyone who makes a gift of at least \$75 by 7 p.m. June 2, in conjunction with the NEPA Gives fundraising challenge, will be recognized by having his or her name inscribed on a gold, silver or wooden basketball permanently displayed on a gym wall.

All donor names will first appear on this virtual wall, then also will be placed on the physical basketball wall this summer.

Donor names also will be placed on our online #NEPAGives campaign page during the 24 hours – 7 p.m. June 1 through 7 p.m. June 2 – of the 2023 challenge.

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Survey reveals majority of Americans 'seldom' or 'never' attend religious services



After traveling the United States for 10 months during 1831-32, French diplomat and political philosopher Alexis de Tocqueville declared in his classic work “Democracy in America” that “there is no country in the world where the Christian religion retains a greater influence over the souls of men than in America.”

But almost 200 years later, a new report from the Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) titled “Religion and Congregations in a Time of Social and Political Upheaval” casts a shadow of doubt on the fervor of Americans, only 16% of whom reported to PRRI that religion is the most important thing in their lives.

In PRRI's study, those with no religious affiliation represented 27% of the population. Likewise a majority of Americans either seldom (28%) or never (29%) attend religious services; and more than one-third (37%) of those who exited a religion identified themselves as "former" Catholics.

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Notices to the Faithful of the Diocese of Scranton



Notice to the Faithful of the Diocese of Scranton

[Notice to the Faithful of the Diocese of Scranton regarding Saints Francis and Clare Progressive Catholic Community](#)

[Notice to the Faithful of the Diocese of Scranton Regarding Mr. James Thomas Tracy](#)

Catholic Social Services announces appointment of Danielle Matarella as Greater Hazleton Regional Coordinator



Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton is pleased to announce that Danielle Matarella has been appointed as the agency's new Greater Hazleton Regional Coordinator effective immediately.

Matarella, a seasoned administrator who has served the Hazleton community for nearly two decades, succeeds Neil Oberto in this position. After serving as Greater Hazleton Regional Coordinator for nearly 30 years, Oberto retired from his position earlier this year.

As Greater Hazleton Regional Coordinator, Matarella will oversee business and facilities operations at the Hazleton Office and directly oversee the Saint Joseph Food Pantry, Women in Need Program (W.I.N.) and Relief Assistance programs. Matarella will also oversee staff involved in the Bridge to Independence Program in Hazleton.

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Pope Francis adds Fatima visit to World Youth Day Trip



Pope Francis will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Fátima during his trip to Portugal for World Youth Day 2023, the Vatican said.

In a statement May 22, Matteo Bruni, director of the Holy See Press Office, confirmed that the pope will travel to Lisbon Aug. 2-6 and will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Fátima Aug. 5.

Pope Francis, who repeatedly has said he intended to be in Lisbon for World Youth Day, had not spoken publicly about also going to Fátima in August. In October 2022, he publicly registered to attend World Youth Day as a pilgrim with the help of two Portuguese university students after praying the Angelus from the window of the papal apartments overlooking St. Peter's Square.

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Pope asks Cardinal Zuppi to lead peace mission for Ukraine



Pope Francis has asked Italian Cardinal Matteo Zuppi of Bologna to lead a mission “to help ease tensions in the conflict in Ukraine,” the Vatican press office said.

The appointment of the cardinal, who is president of the Italian bishops’ conference and a longtime member of the Sant’Egidio Community, was confirmed May 20 by Matteo Bruni, director of the Vatican press office.

While Bruni said “the timing of such a mission and its modalities are currently being studied,” he said Pope Francis has never lost hope that some kind of dialogue could “initiate paths of peace.”

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LAST CALL!
Catholic Women's Conference is nearly SOLD OUT!

ACT FAST!

ONLY 40 TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023

Refresh your Faith *With the Holy Spirit* Catholic Women's Conference

Register Now for one of the few remaining tickets to the June 10
Conference

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